

melted into tenderness, and his eyes overflowed with tears. It was in vain to attempt to conceal from them any longer, what his burdened soul laboured to expose. So he immediately ordered, with a loud voice, all his servants and attendants to leave the room; which they having done, he first gave vent to his feelings, by weeping aloud, so that all who were in the house heard him, and were astonished at his apparent distress. All his brethren were filled with amazement at this unaccountable change in his behaviour, till by his words, as soon as he had power to speak, he surprized them still more: "I (saith he) am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" Nothing can sufficiently describe, the effect these words produced upon them. They found themselves, in a moment, in circumstances which before they had not the least conception of. Guilt and horror seized their minds, and confusion sat upon their countenances. Startled at so unexpected an

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